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Students choose Ahmad, reject contract

by julian sher

Nesar Ahmad is the editor of the McGill Daily for the academic year 1972-1973.

The Zinner-Lantos "contract" with the Daily is no longer binding.

Both these resolutions were passed last Friday by a clear majority of the 1200 students who attended the open meeting in the Union Ballroom. Council is expected to ratify the resolutions at its next meeting, probably on Wednesday.

Students' Society President Gabor Zinner was forced to call the open meeting after he received a petition signed by 970 students demanding that a meeting be held. Over 2700 students had

signed a previous petition expressing dissatisfaction with Council's appointment of Tim Denton as editor and its imposition of a 14-point "contract" on the Daily.

The resolution naming Ahmad as editor was voted upon and passed only after an amendment calling for the re-opening of nominations and a campus-wide referendum was vigorously debated and eventually defeated.

Mel Himes, the student who introduced the amendment, claimed that "for a vast section of the campus, the choice between Denton and Ahmad is not very good. They should not be forced into choosing between these two."

"Because of the importance of

the issue, when the Council vote is this close, then everyone on campus should have a chance to vote," Himes said.

Management representative Bennett Little voiced his approval of a referendum: "The whole topic here is democracy, and in a democracy there should be more than one candidate." Several people in the crowd pointed out to Little that there were two candidates.

A representative of the Independent Students for a Free Daily (ISFD) then presented four reasons for opposing a referendum.

"We should again stress that Ahmad was the unanimous choice of the Daily staff," he said.

He noted that Council had already passed a motion against a referendum at its last meeting.

He also pointed out that the space allotted to the ads for the Daily editorship had been equal, if not greater, than that for any other executive application.

"At this point," the ISFD rep concluded, "the referendum can only be a delaying tactic."

The next student to speak, however, received loud applause for his call to "let the students decide". "The Daily staff say they know better. I say no. I think it is the biggest violation of the principle of democracy. Is it council or the staff who would decide? I say none!"

Michael Montgomery, Debating Union President, strongly countered this argument: "Who has the right to choose the editor? The staff has it, through working on the Daily. Once the editor is picked, you can get on the staff and have a say on how the paper is run."

"Consider a referendum, extending applications. That's only handing the whole thing back to Council," he said. "A referendum is not binding on Council. But here and now we have a chance to decide."

Montgomery also pointed out that it is three weeks before the end of classes and that for a referendum to be valid, 20 percent of the student population must vote.



Nesar Ahmad

Josh Freed, former sports editor of the Daily, informed the audience that Robert Lantos had told him the only reason he opposed Ahmad was his pro-Palestinian articles. "That's what being monolithic means,"

said Freed, "opposing someone for their political views."

Freed also pointed out that Ahmad had always supported the Supplement's right to print articles satirizing the Daily's politics.

He voiced his objections to referendums or elections where real issues are subordinate to slick campaigns. Pointing to Zinner, sitting on the main platform, he said: "Gabby is the result of an election where the only criterion is pretty pictures."

The debate over the virtues of a referendum continued as Mel Himes, who originally introduced the amendment, noted that although "the Daily staff have more interest in the Daily and more technical skill, students still should be allowed to vote." To this, Internal Vice-President David Rovins added: "It may be illegal for Council to have a say, but it's not wrong to say that students have to have a say."

The one-hour debate came to a close with the cynical words of an anonymous student: "Even if we don't like Council's incompetent turkey, all a referendum would do would be to select a bunch of turkeys and ask Council to choose."

A motion to put was seconded and received the required two-thirds majority. The vote on the

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daily photos by harold rosenberg

GABOR ZINNER chaired last Friday's open meeting with all the vigour and gusto that students have grown to love. On the left is Secretary-Treasurer Myron Galloway, who accepted an ISFD petition signed by over 2700 students.

STATEMENT FROM DAILY STAFF

The Daily staff would like to take the opportunity, in this our final issue of the year, to thank all those students who supported us over the last week, in our struggle with the bureaucrats of Students' Council, for a free and open Daily.

In Particular, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the work of the members of the Independent Students for a Free Daily. Their enthusiastic and dedicated efforts were instrumental in mobilizing campus opinion against the underhanded tactics of Students' Council.

To all those students who turned up at the open meeting on Friday to express their solidarity with our struggle, and their contempt for Council's unprincipled stand, again, our thanks. Our victory is your victory.

We would also like, at this time, to extend an invitation to all students, including those who opposed the Daily's stand on the issue, to join our staff, and contribute generally towards making next year's paper the open Daily we have promised the campus.

MCGILL DAILY

McGill Daily. With this masthead we revive the old tradition of making public the pent-up frustrations of the people who close the paper's pages. Tonight there are four people closing the pages: andrew, julian, tom and bruce. On friday, andrew, julian and tom were here again. And on thursday. Not to mention the rest of the week. a lot of people do better things on sundays, fridays and thursdays. Bob and amin and ze'ev do. We don't. We can't. Some people even have the time to go to parties to celebrate things they had very little to do with. We don't. We can't. The solution: they should go to parties at Dumont at 5.30 am. They don't. Because they're asleep. We're not. Is the Daily Important, bob, and amin, and ze'ev? We think so. It seems you don't. Goodnight, tom.

NOTES

Gladiators in the Coliseum

Friday was a Roman Holiday. The Coliseum was filled to capacity with the Citizens of the city. They were there to witness the titanic struggle of the two gladiators that were to match their skills that day. Then they would choose the victor. The combatants were M. Daily and S. Council. The crowd cried out their shouts of approval and derision as both gladiators tried to outdo each other for the crowd's support, and in consequence of that the victory.

Not all of the Citizens of Rome were at the Coliseum, however. Many of them vehemently disapproved of the high costs of running the Coliseum and the heavy taxes that Citizenship demanded. The Musicians and the Engineers were the chief complainers. The Doctors and the

Lawyers also objected strongly. They did not want to pay their taxes when they knew that forty-four percent of the money would be spent on the upkeep of the Coliseum. The cultural and entertainment events provided weren't worth it.

A tense atmosphere prevailed as the gladiators matched their skills in the Coliseum. The immense swarm of Citizens prepared to decide which of the two combatants they would choose as the victor. They were participating to the fullest in this epic happening. For once in their lives they chose to leave their own problems at home, and immerse themselves in a sea of their fellowman. They were part of a great drama and they would help decide its outcome. They were no longer just Artsmen, Scien-

tists, Doctors, or Engineers. They were Citizens of Rome deciding on the affairs of Rome. The Coliseum was theirs. It was the centre of all the major activities. The taxes were high-but worthwhile. They could make their feelings known to all other Citizens-for once they were not retreating into themselves, or their own group.

Jan Peterius, the chief engineer of the City, was not amongst the crowd at the Coliseum. He and the Engineers had decided that they wanted back a large part of their taxes. The Engineers had their own activities anyway. They did not need the Coliseum and the company of any but their own kind.

Thus Jan Peterius set out on a mission to free the Engineers from the chains they bore as Ci-

tizens of Rome. The Engineer would no longer tolerate paying forty-four percent of his taxes for the upkeep of the Coliseum. Therefore he decided that the Coliseum must be destroyed.

Friday, Jan Peterius crept through the ducts of the city towards the Coliseum. Up above, the Citizens who came to participate-some of them Engineers-continued their deliberation on the merits of the combatants. The atmosphere was heavy. Everyone was really into the proceedings.

Jan Peterius found his way through the underground to the centre of the Coliseum. There he planted his explosives. He then unwound the detonator wire and headed to a safe place.

Inside the Coliseum the Citizens were on their feet. They we-

re on the verge of making their decision on who would be the victor; M. Daily or S. Council. They did not feel that they were solitary individuals. They did not feel that they were Lawyers, Musicians, Commencemen, or Engineers. They were the Citizens of Rome participating in the affairs of Rome.

From a nearby hill Jan Peterius, alone and embittered, gazed on. The detonator was by his side. He blocked his ears when he heard a tremendous roar from the Citizens in the Coliseum. Then a sinister smile came across the face of the engineer. He prepared to detonate his explosives.

In the Coliseum the roar continued. The Citizens of Rome had chosen M. Daily as the victor.

Miguel de Cervantes

LETTERS

Messy, messy, messy

Sir,

We, the undersigned persons, would like to express our extreme displeasure with the messy condition of the Daily's editorial offices. Where do messy offices come from? They don't drop from the skies like incorrect ideas. A messy office implies messy politics. This basis has been amply demonstrated in the pages of the Daily this year. Messy, messy, messy! Let us take as an instance of this sloppiness the series of Hardial Bains interviews. And why not, we ask?

By direct and personal examination of the actual state of the Daily offices at approximately 22:00 hours yesterday afternoon, we ascertained that the floor was littered with bits of Montreal Star, gum wrappers, cigarette

butts, pizza boxes (innumerable), Trotskyite pamphlets, about 6000 undistributed AAC leaflets, and a finger. The contradiction between this situation and the Daily's professed aim of progressive politics is clearly contradictory. Not only that, but it is antagonistic too.

We hope that this antithesis will be resolved with all possible post haste.

ISCD (Independent Staffers for a Clean Daily)

For various superficial reasons

Sir,

One can be sure that many students at the open meeting left in a state of bewilderment. Many can not understand why so many students opposed an election in which the student body of McGill could choose their editor. The objections raised were twofold: one was that a general student election would disintegrate into a popularity contest and the other objection was that the staff has the right to choose the editor since only they can judge his competence. Basically one can

not argue with these premises but can point out that the only way that will satisfy the majority of students on this campus who care at all about our student newspaper is to hold a yearly election. Firstly a person may wish to run for the Daily yet have absolutely no backing of the staff for various superficial reasons. After this fiasco one would want to minimize troubles in the future. I think the great tragedy of the Daily is that we had to choose between two men, neither of which satisfied a great many of the students. This is understandable for there are five or more others on the Daily staff who are far more competent to put out a paper and were passed up for political reasons. The non-Daily candidate surely is not the best a student body of sixteen thousand can produce. I think the best and most satisfactory achievement of the Open Meeting was to firmly oppose any limit to journalistic freedom and to show that no one really wants Council to control a puppet paper.

Also I think many will come to

realize that a paper is not put out by a solitary individual but is the effort of a team of dedicated people. Many students look forward to seeing what changes and course next year's Daily will take and rather than students sitting back and complaining they should join the staff and give all the support they can to the Open Meeting's clear choice for Editor.

David Rovins

It's only logical

Sir,

I would like to make some comments, after watching Friday's circus in the Union Ballroom.

Firstly, the motion to put the choice of Daily Editor to a referendum was defeated. Apparently, it was decided that "Staff democracy" should reign.

One thing that I find curious is that so many people think that the Daily staff alone have the right to choose the Daily Editor; however, they forget that ten times zero is still zero. It is no more right for 45 members of the Daily Staff to choose Ahmad

than it is for eight councillors to choose Tim Denton. Certain members of the audience suggested that since those 45 people had worked on the Daily, only they had the right to choose the Editor. That first of all is an insult to the intelligence and the ability of 16,000 McGill students. Using the same logic, only members of Council should be allowed to choose the new President; since the average student does no work with council, he should not be allowed to vote.

The fact that a person has worked on the Daily does not mean that he has any specific privileges in the Editorship. There may have been 45 students working on the Daily, but there were 16,000 students who were reading, reacting to it, and most importantly, paying for it. There should be a permanent amendment to the Students' Society Constitution that places the choice of Daily Editor in the hands of the Students. To say that the students are not capable, or will be confused by personalities, is an insult.

Joseph Aspler

Secession: the popular thing to do?

by tom sorell

A
STATEMENT
FROM
NESAR
AHMAD

I would like to thank all of those students who worked with patience and dedication to bring the issue of the editorship before the McGill community at large. I must also thank the vast number of students who either by signing the petition or by attending the open meeting have helped resolve the

question.

The significance of last Friday's open meeting lies in the fact that it was one of the rare occasions in the history of McGill University when students gathered together on the basis of issues and expressed their will. The meeting also served to explode the myth that students at McGill are apathetic. It has been clearly demonstrated that when issues are meaningful, students react, and react with determination. Council's attempt to decide the editorship question in an underhanded manner has been amply discredited.

For next year we have pledged an open and free Daily. I seek the cooperation of all students to help me fulfill this pledge. Next year's Daily should maintain a constant dialogue with all the students on campus. We will try to reach as many readers as possible through readership polls and open forums. It is your responsibility to keep us informed of your feelings and thoughts. You can help us keep our pledge through participation as well as criticism.

Representatives from the various faculty graduate and undergraduate societies will decide at a Board of Regular Committees meeting tonight whether or not to make good on threats of secession. They will be hearing the Students' Society's response to demands made last Monday that it reorganize its financial allocation policies.

Mario DiPaolo, Arts representative on Council and Finance Director, is expected to submit a report on the possibility of a new financing arrangement.

DiPaolo's findings will have to satisfy at least two large faculty associations, the Engineering Undergraduate Society, and the Post Graduate Students' Society, both of which have made official their intent to secede if a workable financial plan is not presented soon.

Both the EUS and the PGSS, however, would rather not see themselves following the same course.

Jan Peeters, EUS president, made two proposals at last week's meeting in order to start discussions on ways to restructure the Society's fiscal policy. He called for a ceiling of 25 per cent of Students' Society expenditure on administrative costs, including money spent on the Union. He also demanded that 1/3 of the \$29.50 per student given to the Society by engineers, be returned to the faculty.

At present, about \$190,000 of the \$280,000 Students' Society budget goes to expenses incurred in Union upkeep and only \$5.00 per student is returned to engineers under current circumstances.

Peeters emphasized that the 25 per cent figure was only suggested to initiate discussion, but Students' Society president Gabor Zinner took the guideline seriously: "The tenor of discussion was such that it seemed that these were figures that were insisted upon."

According to Zinner, the Union would have to be abandoned altogether if Peeters' proposal was met. He said that "drastic cutbacks" would be necessary in any case.

Peeters has also expressed

concern about the effects of the elimination of CEGEP-year revenue, once the collegial program is phased out. He estimated that Students' Society revenues would decrease by \$180,000 as a result.

Zinner felt these projections are exaggerated. He also said that the Finance Director would have a full break-down of expenditures by tonight.

Whatever the outcome of present discussions with the Society, Peeters is going ahead with actions that would gauge the feeling of students in the Engineering faculty on the matter of secession.

A 1 pm Open Meeting is planned for today at which engineers will be allowed to give their views on a possible secession move.

Peeters said that he had already held long discussions with his own EUS Council on the problem. The suggestion of secession, he said, "was thrown up as a trial balloon".

He went on to say that three alternative proposals had been discussed by the EUS Council. Apart from secession, the engineers considered altering the structure of the Society and a fee hike within the faculty. The fee hike was decided against.

But discussions concerning the restructuring of the Society have already taken place, at least informally with several undergraduate societies. "Education", says Peeters, "is fairly interested in restructuring, but they have internal problems of their own".

Talks have already taken place with Architecture Undergraduate Society president Michael Furlong. Peeters would not comment on the stand taken by the AUS on the question of secession. He did say that he suspected that "they aren't much keener" about their deal with the Society than are the engineers.

Gabor Zinner seems to have taken the sentiment among undergraduate societies seriously. He said that "nothing less than the total revamping of the Society is necessary". He sees the Board of Regular Committees having "more say" in the financial policies of the Society, but did not elaborate on how the "revamping" would take place.

Meanwhile, the Post Graduate

Students' Society is also waiting for DiPaolo's report before it decides to go ahead with secession.

PGSS president David B. Nichols said that "the sentiment is that we have a lot of power in any move towards secession". He stressed, however, that the PGSS "recognizes the need for a unified student body".

Added Nichols, "We're really much more concerned with our own internal affairs than in secession from the Students' Society".

A committee set up by the PGSS Council recently will return a report to the faculty association before the end of the year. At present, the PGSS hands over \$15.00 per student to the Society, exactly half of the \$30.00 contribution made by each graduate student to the PGSS. "We'd like to give \$5.00", says Nichols.

Nichols added that he would also like to see a change in the way funds are disbursed. "Right now we have to go to the Students' Society for our fees. We want to get them directly."

Commenting on the financial situation of the PGSS, Nichols said that "we now have the reputation that we are close to bankruptcy." He said that this was exaggerated. The PGSS has recently obtained a \$10,000 loan from a bank to pay off debts, but Nichols stresses that the debts were expected and that they could probably be paid off within a year. "We're not really that uptight about it".

Nichols added that the extra money PGSS would obtain as a result of a decreased contribution to the Society would go to alterations of the Graduate Student Centre, sports activities, bridge nights, chess nights and ski trips.

The move towards secession, according to Nichols, "has been in the air for a long time". The PGSS president said that a meeting had taken place well before the first term break with the Law Undergraduate Society, the Dental Students' Society and the Medical Students' Society. These faculty associations wanted PGSS support. "Secession seemed the popular thing to do", noted Nichols.

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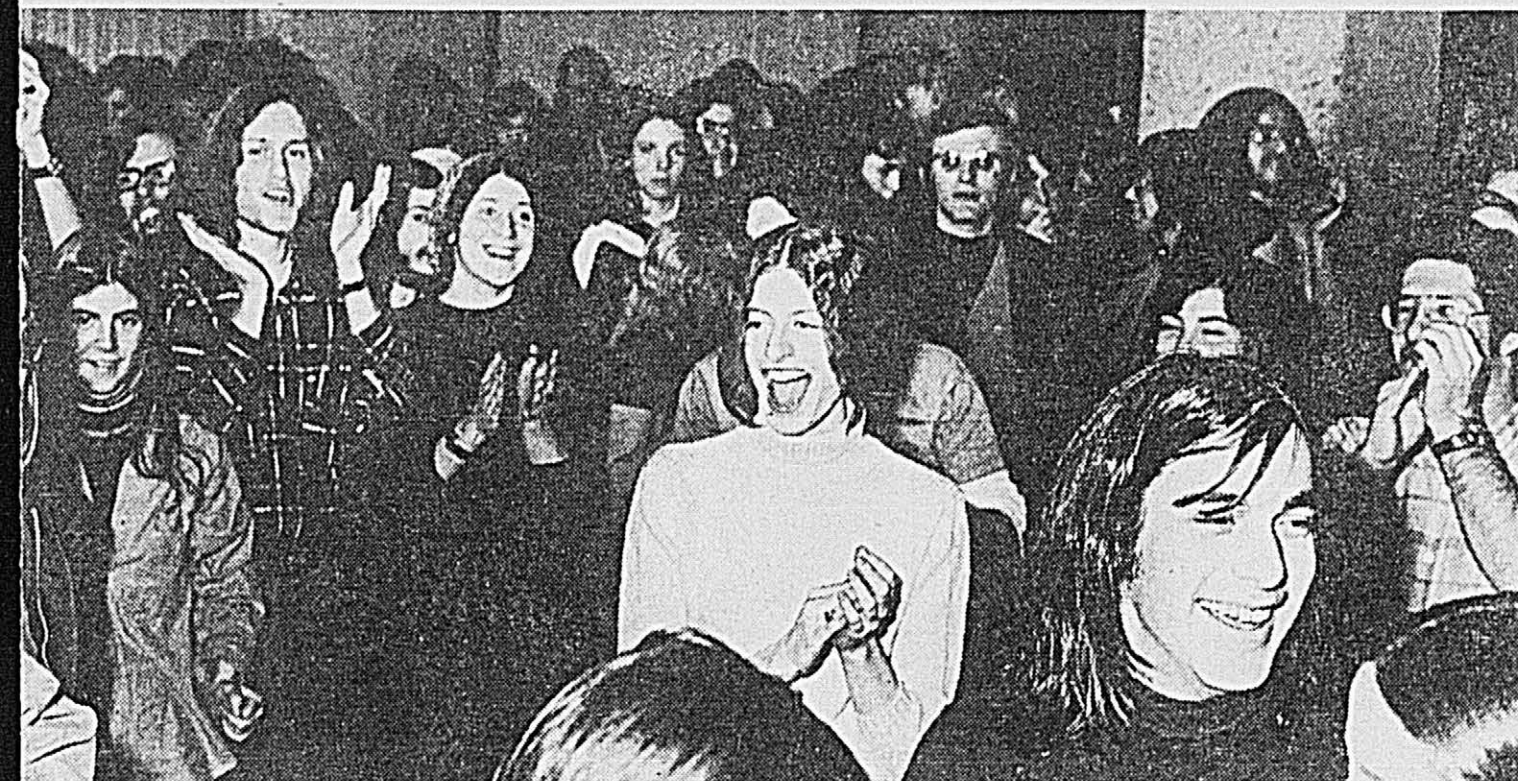
An all expense paid trip to the Bathroom for two goes to the first student to unravel the key word.



Top left: The student at the microphone criticized certain Daily articles, but opposed Council in interference. "No bullshit, man," he said, "but government — hands off!"

Above: The ubiquitous Bennet Little once again at the microphone.

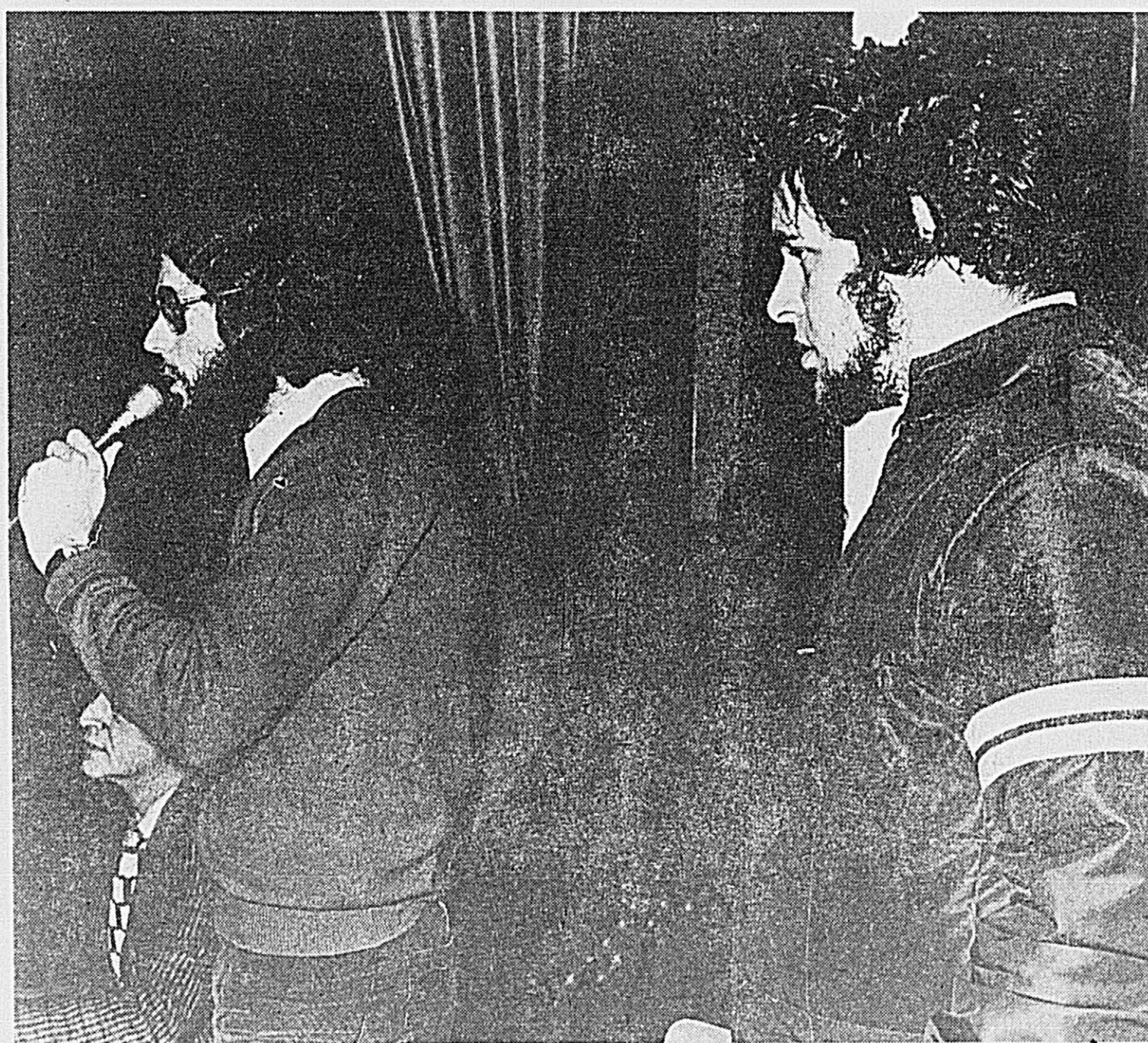
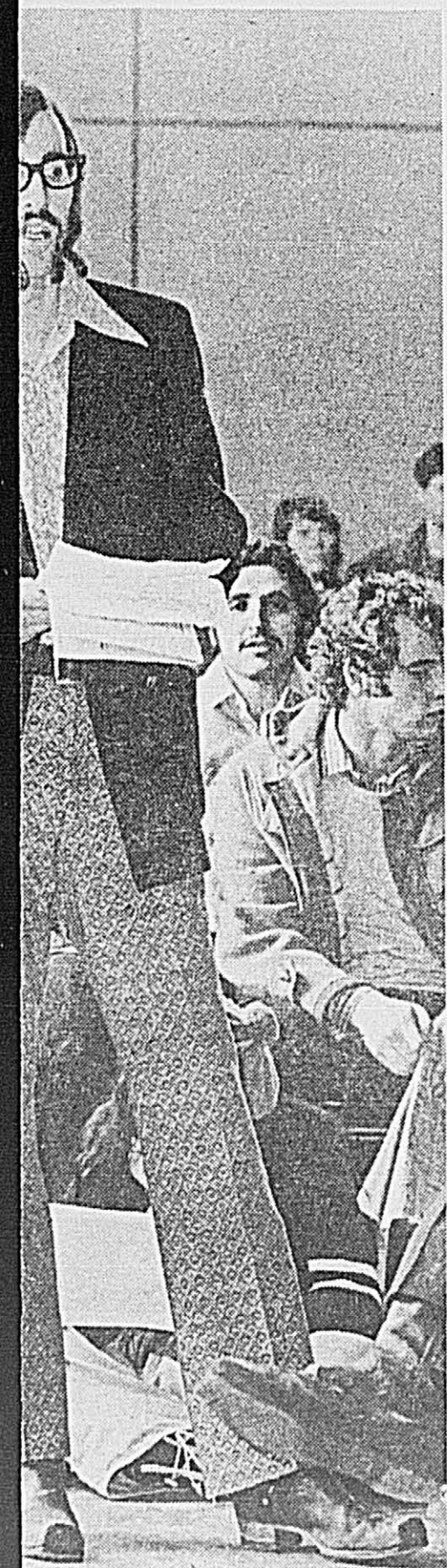
Left? "Definitely a class question."



Left: Soul clap hands and sing: Daily supporters cheer election of Ahmad as editor.

Lower left: University Affairs Director Will Hoffman proposes rescinding of contract.

Below: Rovins to Zinner: "Gabby, what are all these people doing here?"



daily photos by Harold Rosenberg

Students reject contract after short debate

by julian sher

It took less than thirty minutes of subdued debate for the 1200 students attending Friday's open meeting to decide to rescind the Zinner-Lantos "contract" imposed on the Daily.

At the start of the meeting, University Affairs Director Will Hoffman introduced a resolution calling for the revocation of the "contract".

"The contract is in violation of our rights and everything we stand for," said Hoffman. "It gives Council the right of unilateral censorship of the Daily. It is a political act of suppression of the Daily by those councillors who were criticized."

A petition demanding the suspension of the contract and the election of Nesar Ahmad as editor, and signed by over 2700 students, was then handed to Myron Galloway, Secretary Treasurer of the Students' Society, by a representative of the Independent Students for a Free Daily (ISFD).

As this point, however, a student made his way to one of the microphones in the audience, and asked: "Where exactly in the contract is suppression of editorial opinion mentioned?"

Several students attempted to answer the question.

Gary Ticoll, ASUS President termed the contract "a definite political move", and denounced it as "an attempt by Council to control the content of the paper."

An ISFD representative cited clause 3 of the contract, which would allow Council to determine the space and exposure allotted to all events, as a good example "of what we mean by political control."

Tom Sorell, editor of this year's Daily, pointed out that the contract explicitly states that the editor is "DIRECTLY responsible to Council" and that "the supreme authority" over the Daily, rests with Council.

One student delivered a rather disjointed speech to the audience. "Council is trying to strangle the Daily," he said. "We don't need Hardial Bains three times a week. But to hand it over to the government, well, I hope the guy next year has experience, not a government appointee. Who's ever editor next year, no bullshit man. But government — hands off!"

Apparently the audience took his advice to heart, and in the open vote, the resolution calling for the revocation of the contract won an easy victory.

A second ISFD resolution, calling for the overturning of Council's decision to impose Tim Denton as Daily editor, was withdrawn because the Judicial Committee had previously declared the Denton election invalid.

The students then moved on to debate Nesar Ahmad's candidacy and the possibility of a campus-wide referendum.

Secession...

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Nichols has not yet made up his mind about secession, but he is impressed with Peeters' argument that too much money is being funnelled into administrative costs. "I want to see just how the \$190,000 was spent. It seems like outrageously much money". Commenting on the possible contents of DiPaolo's report tonight, Nichols said, "I'm pretty sure I'll be disgusted."

Gabor Zinner said that the Students' Society has plans of its own for generating revenue. Zinner expects to see a pub functioning in the Union by next September. He says that the Society is looking for an agreement such that all expenditure on the operation would be undertaken by an investor, rather than with money authorized by Council.

He concedes that the plan for a pub is as yet unelaborated. Taxes on a pub are still in doubt. But Zinner is hopeful that "there are ways of getting round the legalistic hassles".

On the problem of secession as a whole, Zinner said that the Society is already at work on putting into effect improvements to food service in the Union and cafeteria design.

But Zinner admits that this won't be enough to satisfy the faculties. "They feel they are not getting their \$24 worth. They are remote from the decision-making process and they are largely unaffected by those deci-

sions".

According to Zinner, "the restructuring of the Society could solve both these problems".

To the charge that the programs and events offered by the Society are "Arts and Science oriented", Zinner said that activities like the Debating Union, Film Society and Skydiving Club serve no one faculty alone.

The professional faculties, according to Zinner, are "geographically remote", and cannot participate in most Students' Society events "which are taken advantage of by the leisured classes".

Zinner sees the move towards secession as a "cumulative phenomenon".

"It came to a head this year", Zinner said. "The instability of the Society is in no small part responsible. We had three presidents this year. This didn't help matters. The Society had a total lack of credibility. This didn't help matters either."

According to Zinner, the problem is not just financial. "There is no common sense of participation and meaning. This is essential in keeping together the Society."

Commenting on the social programs he has so far put into effect, Zinner said that "in themselves they are inadequate, even though they serve to bring together people temporarily. They weren't planned for the longterm".

Zinner is convinced, however, that "a lot of the activities the Students' Society offers cut across faculty lines. It's fallacious to truncate the Society in terms of faculties. A lot of clubs are para-faculty bodies".



MYRON, can I please leave the room?

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TODAY

Struggle. Film: West Africa,
Another Vietnam. Leacock 219,
8:30 pm.

SAVOY SOCIETY: General meeting to discuss next year's show and executive. Also, bring money for photographs. Union B26-27, 7 pm.

FOLK DANCE SOCIETY: Last meeting. B23-24, 7-11 pm.

TUESDAY

OUTING CLUB: Open meeting films, refreshments. Union 307, 7:30.

ENVIRONMENT AND THE ENGINEER: Talk featuring Alastair R. Lucas of the Policy and Planning Directorate, Environment Canada. McConnell Engineering, room 226, 1 pm.

AFRICAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: Gil Fernandes (leading member of PAIGC) speaking on Guinea (Bissau) Liberation

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JOURNEE QUEBECOISE

Today, Salon des Professeurs, Peterson Hall. 11 am: Conference with Gilles Marcotte (literary critic and U de M professor) on "La poésie québécoise". 2 pm: Round Table with Mme. Claire Martin and M. Jacques Nantel (writers) and Gilles Marcotte, on "Littérature québécoise et Littératures de la Francophonie". 4 pm: Conference with Gaston Miron (poet) on "Le message poétique - de la littérature canadienne-française à la littérature québécoise".

WEREDALE

Weredale, a home for deprived and/or homeless boys, is in need of big brothers to do small projects with some of the boys until June, on Saturdays. Also need urgently, Indian big brothers for three young Cree Indians from Schefferville. Phone Mrs. Lavendel; 935-7417.

Council approval to come

In order for the two resolutions passed at last Friday's open meeting to be formal they must be ratified by Council at its next meeting.

While it is not expected that Council will reject the motions passed by a majority of the 1200 students who attended the meeting, such a move is not out of the question.

Gabor Zinner, President of the Students' Society, explained the situation this way in an interview last Friday:

"I've taken a position. I'm going to uphold the decision of the open meeting. That doesn't mean the Council will abide by it. Council doesn't have to, constitutionally.

"You can say that Zinner him-

self said that if Council doesn't, then it's a clear case of contempt for the 1200 students who voted."

How does Zinner plan to ensure the ratification of the students' resolutions?

"I'm going to make prefatory comments as I normally do"

Zinner had made prefatory remarks at the now-famous Council meeting of March 15, in which he heavily criticized this year's Daily. The criticism, Zinner claimed, was not meant to prejudice Council against the Daily staff's choice for editor.

Zinner has called a Council meeting for this Wednesday. If a quorum is not reached, because of the Jewish holiday that begins that evening, the meeting will be postponed one week.

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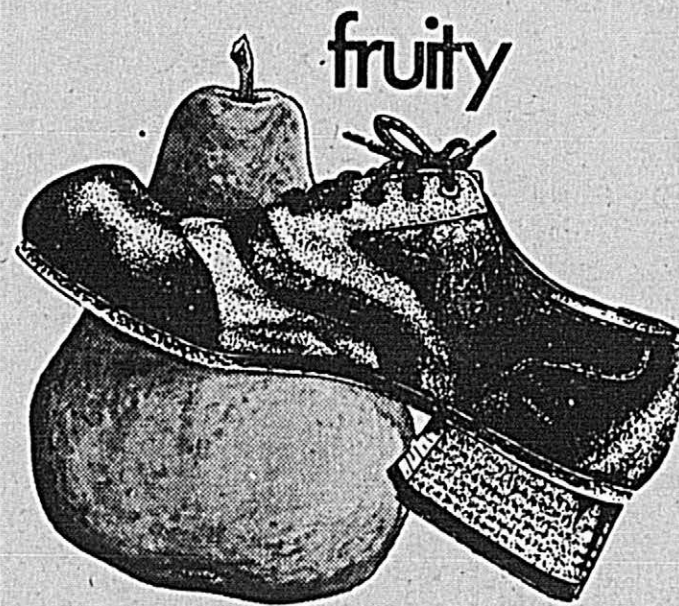
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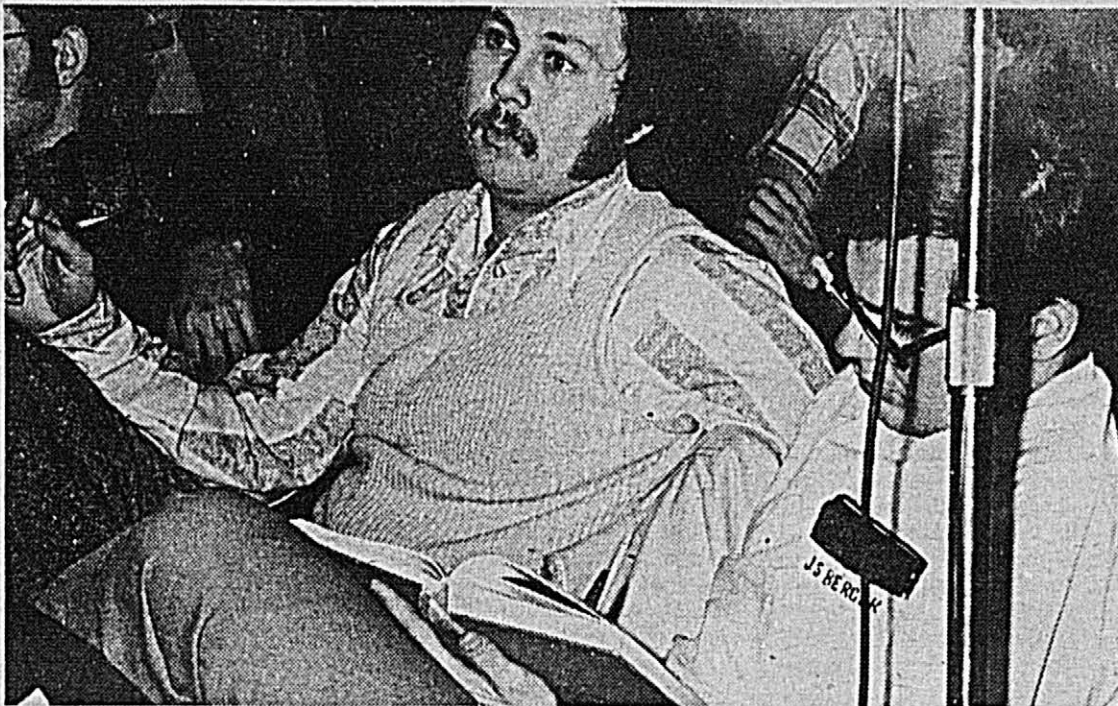
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During the forty-minute period allotted to student speakers at the last Council meeting, Joel Berger, Dentistry rep, decided to read instead of listen.

Students...

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amendment calling for a referendum was then taken by a show of hands, and Zinner's announcement of its defeat was followed by loud clapping and shouting.

By that time, all of the students who packed the ballroom were on their feet, and the action moved swiftly and noisily. A student who moved that Ahmad be named editor quickly found a

second. Further discussion on the issue was ended when more than two-thirds of the audience voted to decide immediately on the resolution.

A vote was then taken on the resolution naming Ahmad as editor, and Zinner declared that it passed by a majority of the students.

As shouts of victory and loud applause filled the ballroom, a student made his way to the microphone and declared, "A clear majority was not apparent to a large number of people."

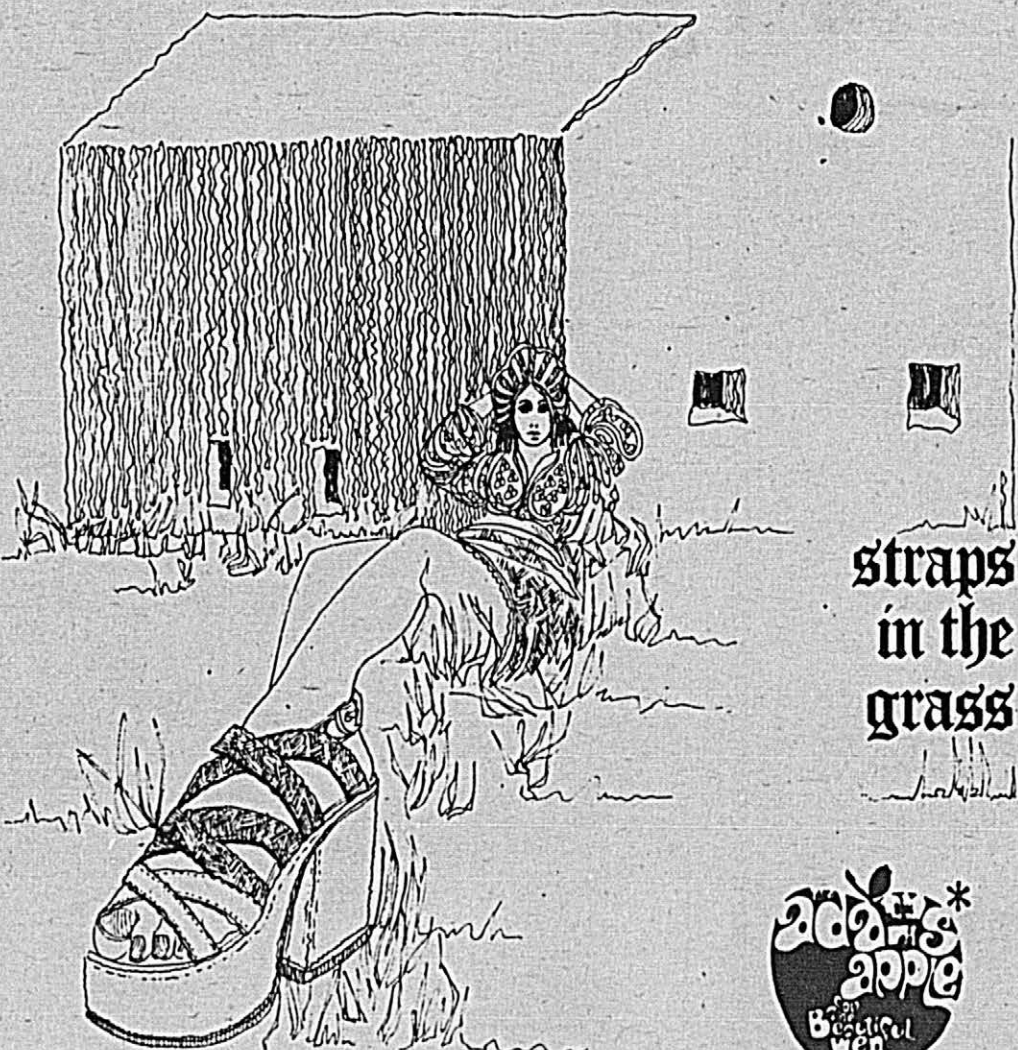
Zinner grabbed the platform mike, and stated, "It is the chair's ruling that a clear majority was obtained."

Moments after the meeting was adjourned, and students were heading toward the exits, Timothy Denton stepped to the microphone and said, "I hope you all realize that by what you have just done here, you have destroyed the Students' Society."

Thanks Nigel, for all your lost sleep and time spent above and beyond the call of duty.



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